



**Town of Loxahatchee Groves**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING**  
**BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**  
**September 20, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District  
101 West "D" Road, Loxahatchee Groves

Frank R. Spence, Town Manager  
Michael D. Cirullo, Jr. Town Attorney; Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.  
Ann Harper, Town Clerk

**1. OPENING**

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Invocation
- D. Approval of Agenda

Mayor David Browning called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. In addition to Mayor Browning, the following Council members were present: Councilmen Tom Goltzené, Councilman Ron Jarriel, Councilman Jim Rockett, and Vice-Mayor Ryan Liang. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Browning gave the Invocation. Present from Staff were Frank Spence, Town Manager, Michael Cirullo, Town Attorney, and Ann Harper, Town Clerk.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Liang, seconded by Councilman Jarriel, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by voice vote, 5/0.

**2. Discussion of Creating a Capital Improvement Fund and Listing Proposed Projects**

Mr. Spence outlined the State requirements for establishing a five-year Capital Improvement Plan and the procedure for transferring funds to implement the Plan. Tonight the Council will establish the final millage rate, adopt the budget, and select projects for the five-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Council can make budget adjustments during the coming year.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Liang, seconded by Councilman Jarriel, to create a Capital Improvement Fund.

**Council Discussion**

Councilman Rockett said he would like to add a couple items to the list of projects. He would also like the new Town Manager to provide guidance for this project list and would like for grant opportunities to be identified for some of these projects so they would not have to be budgeted. He would like this to be done in October.

Councilman Goltzené said when we get into the issue of roads, there is overlap with the situation with the Water Control District. He suggested that Council set up a series of workshops with the Water Control District to discuss the roads and the existing relationship and how that may evolve. Rather than subsidize the Water Control District budget, we should address issues before we start making specific decisions regarding the roads.

Councilman Jarriel said we need to prioritize this list and work with it and not add things to it when we don't have enough money to cover these items. Regarding the round-about at E Road, it should be on the list, but we need to prioritize it.

Vice-Mayor Liang said we do not have any idea what any of these projects would cost, and if we have to set aside money, we should just put money in the fund and see what grant funds are available to implement the projects.

Mayor Browning said he agrees that the traffic light for Okeechobee is the first priority, and it is important to get the roads "calmed" by working with the Water Control District before the College is built. He wants to evaluate each project before starting it to make sure it is the best for the whole community.

#### Council Action

Mayor Browning called for a vote on the motion to create a Capital Improvement Fund. The motion carried by voice vote, 4/1 with Councilman Rockett voting no.

Motion was made by Councilman Jarriel, seconded by Councilman Goltzené, to transfer one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the General Fund Reserves to create a Capital Improvement Fund for a five-year plan. The motion carried by voice vote 3/2 with Councilman Rockett and Mayor Browning.

Council consensus was to finalize the list of capital improvement projects at the next Council meeting.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. Setting of Millage**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-014**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE FOR THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Cirullo read the title of the Resolution.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Liang, seconded by Councilman Goltzené, to approve Resolution 2011-014.

Councilman Rockett said the next year he will be asking the Council to reduce the millage to .7 mills.

Mayor Browning opened the Public Hearing. No one came forward to speak, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Browning called for a vote on the motion to establish the millage at 1.2 mills. The motion carried by voice vote, 5/0.

#### **B. Adoption of Budget**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Cirullo read the title of the Resolution. He said in light of the motion earlier to provide funding for a Capital Improvement Program, the budget summary will have to be amended to reflect the transfer from reserves for one million dollars to implement the Program. Mr. Spence said the budget amount for Contractual Administration should also be revised to reflect the contractual amount of the bid which was approved by the Council. Councilman Rockett said there are other changes which should be made to the budget.

Councilman Goltzené said it has been pointed out to him that this final budget has not been reviewed by the Finance Committee. Mr. Spence said the FAAC reviewed the budget as originally proposed, but not after the Council made changes to the budget as proposed by Councilman Rockett at the September 6 Public Hearing.

Councilman Rockett said that the amount of the Planning and Zoning Contract (001-515-343) should be \$10,000 not \$1,000. Also, the Contract Administration (001-512-340) should be \$250,625.

Councilman Goltzené said we should not negotiate from a position of strength, not give the amount of the contract to the bidders and then try to negotiate with them for a lesser amount.

Mayor Browning asked each Councilman whether or not they agreed with putting \$250,625 in the budget. Councilman Jarriel, Councilman Rockett and Vice-Mayor Liang agreed with putting \$250,625 in the budget.

Councilman Rockett said the term "per diem" should be removed from the title of Account 001-512-400. He would also like for the revenue received from Solid Waste Authority Recycling and from Trucking Fees to be reported separately and not added to the Assessment line item.

Mayor Browning opened the Public Hearing.

Todd McLendon said nobody is benefitting from the money that is piling up, and it should be spent to improve the Town.

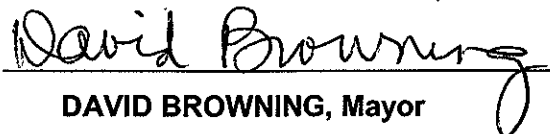
Ken Johnson said he knows of one parcel that is paying a residential rate for garbage pickup instead of the business rate, and someone needs to check the list to see who is paying what fee.

There were no more speakers, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Liang, seconded by Councilman Goltzené, to approve the budget as amended. The motion carried by voice vote, 5/0.

## 5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion and no additional public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
DAVID BROWNING, Mayor

\_\_October 4\_\_, 2011\_\_

Date Council Approved

Attest:   
Town Clerk